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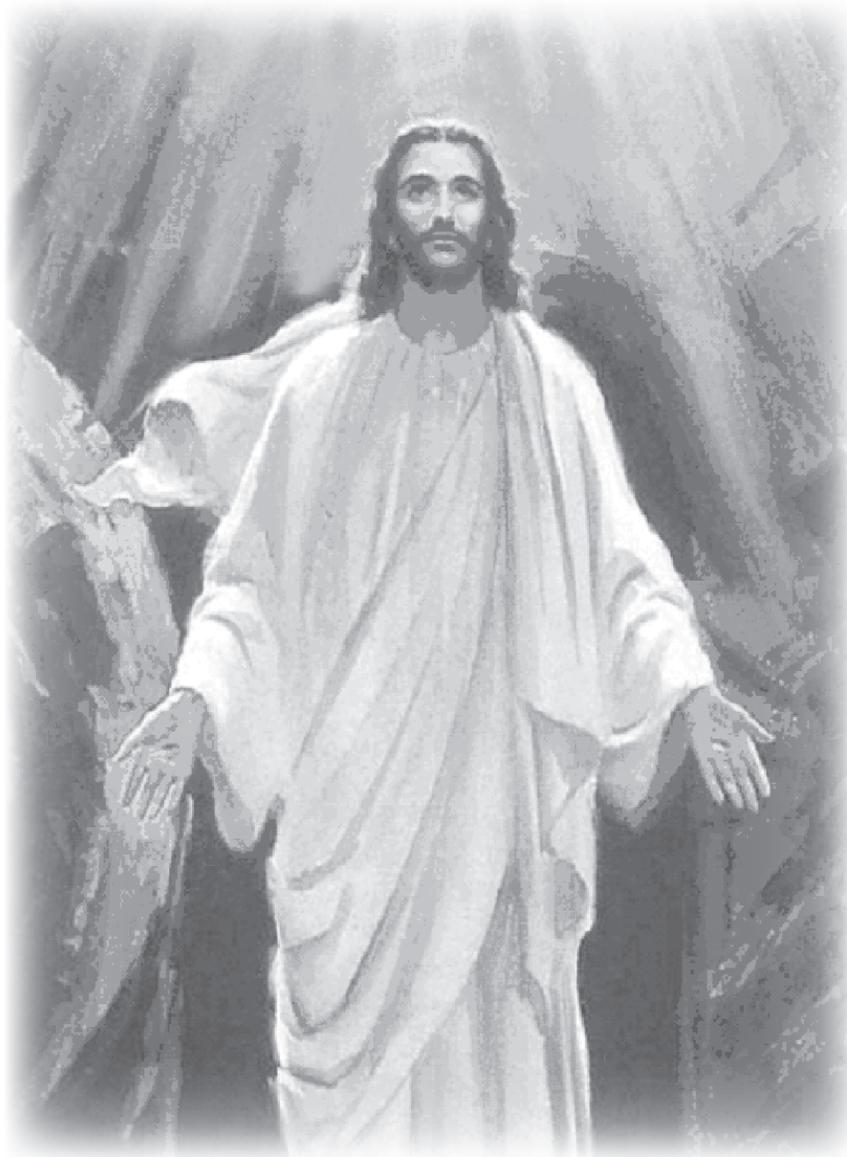
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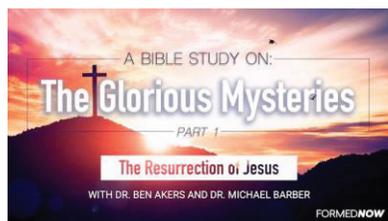
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Christ is Risen!

EASTER SUNDAY

"I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia." (Cf. Psalm 138.18, 5-6)



A Bible Study on the Glorious Mysteries: The Resurrection (Part 1 of 5)

"Have you ever wanted to grow in your understanding and devotion to the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary? Join Dr. Ben Akers and professors from the Augustine Institute Graduate School as they walk through these Biblical mysteries and seek to grow in understanding and love for Christ through them. To watch, please visit FORMED. To register for FORMED, for FREE, go to www.formed.org and enter the Parish Code: FVT2H9.

Announcements

1. This Easter, we will have many guests visit our parish. In order to accommodate them and parishioners who are not accustomed to giving using PAG or credit cards, we will pass the basket on Palm Sunday weekend, during Holy Week and on Easter weekend. For your own convenience and to assist the parish during the rest of the year, we continue to encourage you to sign up for PAG or give by credit card on the parish website. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

2. The Parish office is CLOSED, tomorrow, Monday, April 1st for Easter Monday. Mass will be celebrated at 9 AM. There is no 12:10 PM Mass.



3. Divine Mercy Sunday

Join us for an Hour of Mercy with Chaplet and Exposition animated by the Shalom Community of Lay Consecrated Men and Women next Sunday, April 7th from 2:45 PM – 3:45 PM.

4. The **MARCH** Food of the Month donation is **LARGE (FAMILY SIZED 1 KG) JARS OF PEANUT BUTTER**. The **APRIL** Food of the Month donation is **LARGE (FAMILY SIZED) BAGS OF DRY PASTA**. With rising food costs, the Foodbank is serving record numbers of clients (approximately 1200 people per week). On behalf of the clients, volunteers at the COTH Foodbank, thank you for your support.



4. Embark on an unforgettable journey at Totus Tuus Summer Camp! Dive deep into the richness of your faith while having a

blast with friends. From engaging activities to interactive lessons, every moment promises excitement and growth. Join us and make this summer an experience to remember! Start from \$100 per child. For more information, visit www.totustuustoronto.ca or contact the Parish Office.

The Day Program (Gr. 1-6) runs from July 22-26, 2024 (9:00 AM – 2:30 PM). Kids will Learn and grow their Catholic faith in a fun and interactive way through songs, games, prayer, Scripture and the Sacraments. The Evening Program (Gr. 7-12) runs from July 21-25, 2024 (6:45 PM – 9:00 PM). Teens will deepen their relationship with Jesus through discussions, fellowship, prayer, Scripture and the Sacraments.

5. Would you like to help beautify the altar and our Church with beautiful fresh flowers? If so, please donate to our Easter flower fund. A small donation can go a long way. Thank you for your support.



6. Life-Giving Wounds: A Healing Retreat for Adult Children of Divorced or Separated Parents

The Life-Giving Wounds retreat invites participants to move through the broken image of love that appeared to them in their parents' relationship to their deepest origin and identity as God's beloved, capable of great love. The retreat will be from April 26 at 7 PM to April 28 at 3:30 PM at St. Augustine's Seminary (2661 Kingston Rd.). Must be 18 or older to attend. Cost: \$290 per person (\$190 for students), this includes meals, lodging and retreat material. If cost is of concern, please contact lgwtoronto@proton.me; limited subsidies are available. For university/college students, contact your campus minister for more information. Space is limited. To register, visit <https://bit.ly/LGW-TO-Retreat-Register2024>. For more information, please email lgwtoronto@proton.me.



7. Encounter Christ. Discover Yourself. Grow in holiness. A Roman Catholic apostolate for me and women who experience same-sex attractions and those who love them. Please visit us at couragerc.org for more information.

March 31st, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 1, 2024

9:00 am. For the Birthday Celebrants of the Month

Tuesday, April 2, 2024

12:10 pm. Vincenzina Marino (+)
Requested By: Antonella Amoroso

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

12:10 pm. Filomena Scasserra (+)
Requested By: Carmelina

Thursday, April 4, 2024

12:10 pm. Herminigilda (+) & Francisco Lampong (+)
Requested By: Ana Lampong

Friday, April 5, 2024

12:10 pm. Vivian Daylusan (+)

Multiple Intentions:

Holy Souls in Purgatory, Gerald Timmins Sr. (+), Michael Timmins (+), Peter Timmins (+), & Jacqueline Salinas Mehia (Birthday Blessings)

Saturday, April 6, 2024

9:00 am. Intentions of the Blessed Virgin Mary and in reparation for all sins committed against her Immaculate Heart

5:00 pm. Bridget Nusca (+)
Requested By: Lillian Nasello

Sunday, April 7, 2024

Second Sunday of Easter

8:00 am. Holy Rosary Parishioners

10:00 am. Mimi Pollock (+)
Requested by: The Feghali Family

12:00 pm. In Thanksgiving
Requested By: The Feghali Family



Please remember in your prayers those who are sick, especially: Mark Colbreath, Betty Dempsey, Anthony Verombeck, Mario, Edward Haggarty, M.M. Mackenzie, and Jamie.

Please remember in your prayers those who have recently died, especially: Barbara Noble-Holding (+).



The Pastor's Reflection

Dear brothers and sisters in the Lord:

Happy Easter! Christ is Risen! Today is a day of great rejoicing. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, has overcome the last enemy. Death no longer has any power over us because of what he did for us. Even though we all must die, we no longer have anything to fear. Life will be changed, it will not come to an end (cf. Preface, Mass of the Dead).

Of all the founders of different religions, only one claimed to be God. Moreover, only one rose from the dead: Jesus Christ. The resurrection is a central dogma of our Catholic faith. In fact, our faith would be utterly meaningless had the resurrection not occurred (cf. 1 Cor 15:13-15). We would still be in our sins and separated from God.

N. T. Wright wrote a theological masterpiece entitled "The Resurrection of the Son of God". In it, he goes through all the different theories that people have come up with to explain the empty tomb. Every explanation falls short. They are desperate attempts to explain away the facts. What is truly laughable is that many of the supposed experts do not even believe in God or in the possibility of an afterlife. In one of the many interviews, he gave after the publication of his book, the author mentioned that his philosophy tutor had praised the quality of his dissertation. However, the tutor refused to accept the fact that Jesus Christ had risen from the dead. He stated that he "preferred to believe in another explanation" that he could not even express. Why? Because to accept the reality of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ requires us to change our worldview. We are no longer the centre of the universe. Science and philosophy, no matter how much good they produce, are insufficient in explaining the world around us. Moreover, if Christ did really resurrect from the dead, it means that all of his teachings are true, even those uncomfortable ones that regulate our moral lives!

Nevertheless, we do recognize that we need the help of the Holy Spirit to proclaim that "Jesus is Lord!" (1 Cor 12:3) Let us ask the Father and Son to send forth the Holy Spirit upon all those who do not yet believe. May their hearts be wide open to receive the gift of faith that he offers everyone. Furthermore, may our mouths be open wide to proclaim the faith we have professed so solemnly during the renewal of our baptismal promises during the Mass. Remember, if we remain faithful to him in this life, we will "also be revealed with him in glory" in the life to come! (Col 3:4)

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